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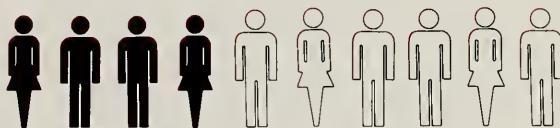
AIDS
and
**PEOPLE OF
COLOR**



AIDS does not care...

- what COLOR you are.
- what SEX you are.
- what AGE you are.
- or if you are GAY or STRAIGHT.

WHOEVER gets AIDS.... eventually dies. There is no AIDS vaccine or cure.



In the U.S. **40%** of all people with AIDS are **PEOPLE OF COLOR**.



In the U.S. **71%** of all women with AIDS are **WOMEN OF COLOR**.

AIDS is color blind!

The AIDS virus is infecting people of color in alarming numbers.

IN THE UNITED STATES, PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE 20% OF THE POPULATION, YET ABOUT:

40% of all people with AIDS are PEOPLE OF COLOR.

71% of all women with AIDS are WOMEN OF COLOR.

75% of all babies with AIDS are BABIES OF COLOR.



In the U.S. **75%** of all babies with AIDS are **BABIES OF COLOR**.

IN MASSACHUSETTS PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE 10% OF THE POPULATION, YET ABOUT:

30% of all people with AIDS are PEOPLE OF COLOR.

55% of all women with AIDS are WOMEN OF COLOR.

59% of all babies with AIDS are BABIES OF COLOR.

How do people get AIDS?

- By having **SEX** with someone who is infected with the AIDS virus. (That's because the virus lives in blood, a man's "sperm" and a woman's vaginal secretions.)
- By **SHARING NEEDLES** used to shoot drugs. (That's because dirty needles and syringes ("works") contain blood which could be infected with the AIDS virus.)
- An **INFECTED PREGNANT WOMAN** can pass the AIDS virus on to her baby.

The AIDS VIRUS lives in:

- **BLOOD**
- **A MAN'S "SPERM"**
- **A WOMAN'S VAGINAL SECRETIONS (SEXUAL FLUIDS)**

You can NOT get AIDS from:

- Donating Blood
- Shaking Hands
- Hugging
- A Kiss on the Cheek
- Eating Utensils
- Drinking Fountains
- Toilet Seats
- Swimming Pools
- Mosquito Bites

AIDS is NOT in the air

AIDS can be prevented!

Don't be scared of AIDS...protect yourself.

Here's how:

- Know your sexual partner. Having more partners increases your risk of getting infected with the AIDS virus. But remember, a person can be infected with the AIDS virus and still look healthy.
- Use a latex condom (rubber) and spermicide to reduce the risk of infection.
- If you shoot drugs, get help. If you shoot drugs, do not share needles or syringes ("works"). Call an AIDS or Drug Hotline for help.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AIDS
CALL:

**THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

1-800-235-2331 Statewide AIDS Hotline
617-522-4090 x470 Alternative Test Sites
and Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinics

AIDS ACTION COMMITTEE

617-536-7733 Hotline
617-437-6200 Services

CITY OF BOSTON

617-424-5916

ENGLISH / SPANISH HOTLINE

1-800-637-3776 Toll Free
617-262-7248 Boston

**MASSACHUSETTS ALCOHOL AND
DRUG ABUSE HOTLINE**

1-800-327-5050 Toll Free
(617) 445-1500